## **Committee Members**

**URGENT!** 

## PLEASE HELP STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF THOUSANDS OF RABBITS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's proposal will bring factory-like farming of rabbits to CT under the guise of promoting farming in the state and will allow the processing of thousands of rabbits for food consumption. This is appalling!

- 1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats
- 2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

- 3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.
- 4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.
- 5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Speak Up for Animals. They are counting on you.

Sincerely, Elke Murphy Albuquerque, NM